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Kansas State University Faculty Senate Meeting
November 5, 2002  3:30 p.m. Little Theater, K-State Union


Proxies: Marr, Olsen, Watts

Absent: Baker, Bloomquist, Bradshaw, Burton, Chang, Cook, Dandu, Fritz, Haddock, Mathews, Oberst, O’Hara, Rahman, Reddi, Ross, Roush, Sherow, Stewart

Visitors: Jim Coffman, Jane Rowlett, Bob Krause

President Al Cochran called the special meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the university’s draft Budget Planning Scenarios and Budget Planning Principles, which are intended to reduce operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2004. Provost Coffman led the discussion and was joined by Vice President Bob Krause and Dr. Jane Rowlett, Director of Academic Services. Provost Coffman first reviewed the “Principles for Management of Anticipated Budget Reductions for Universities Governed by the Kansas Board of Regents.” He then discussed how K-State’s planning principles document further expands on the Board of Regents principles. The Board of Regents document may be found at: http://kansasregents.org/download/meetings/2002/10-16/minutes.pdf (see p. 5 of document). The K-State documents will be posted on the Provost Office’s web page in the near future.

Provost Coffman announced that the university administration is in the final stages of compiling a list of programs that do not meet, or marginally meet, the Board of Regents’ program review guidelines. The administration is also reviewing relevant sections of the K-State University Handbook, particularly in regard to the declaration of financial stress and program consolidation, program reduction or program elimination. He indicated that although units will plan for equal percentage decreases, actual budget reductions within each area will be made strategically and not across-the-board.

Final recommendations will be presented by the Provost and Vice Presidents to the President for action no later than two weeks after the adjournment of the 2003 Legislative Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.